



Juvenile Justice Collaborative

Establishing a more effective and efficient juvenile justice system

**March 8, 2017
10:00AM -11:30AM
3rd Floor Conference Room
DART Building
119 Lower Beech St
Wilmington DE, 19805**

Meeting began @ 10:02am

Attendees: Chief Judge Newell (**co-chair**), Nancy Dietz (**co-chair**), Vivian Medinilla, Jack McDonough, Donna Pugh, Winifred Gissendaner, David Jones, Bonita Lee, Ian Smith, Lauren Deveber, Michelle Brogden, Lauren Copeland, Ellie Torres, Kellie Hubis, Robert Jones, Abby Layton, Jimmie Meminger, Tom Carey, Rebecca Richmond, Ashley Bruncsak, Frank Mieczkowski, Iris Homer, Andy Cohen, Amy Herb, Lisa Minutola, Renee Birney, Yvonne Bunch, Marjorie Rist, Zach Hamilton, Elizabeth Seigle, Cynthia Thaler, Tanya Culley

- Introductions
 - Director Dietz opened the meeting and started with introductions.
- Approval of January 6th, 2017 draft minutes
 - The minutes were reviewed and approved by motion.
- Front-End Report – Kit Lurger
 - Jack McDonough reported that the committee met in Nov. 2016 and will be meeting in April, 2017
 - The group will be focusing on JDAI goals
 - An initial review of the cases in detention suggest:
 - Majority of cases in detention are mostly misdemeanor offense. The group is going to review the data.
 - Many of the youth in detention are not going to level V placement.
 - Many of the youth are going to detention for VOP technical violations.
 - Jack discussed the group will be reviewing the balanced approach and shifting probation officers to focus on both compliance behaviors and assisting youth to get appropriate services.

- Civil Citation Status Report – Donna Pugh
 - Donna Pugh reported an update of the JCC program. She introduced her new staff that will be helping with the program.
 - Changes with the program include making all referrals statewide to Back on Track starting April 1, 2017.
 - Donna Pugh will be conducting training every Tuesday in June for Wilmington Police Department.
 - Most referrals are primarily from SRO's but JCC is receiving a few referrals from the field since completing the roll call trainings in the fall, 2016.
 - 5 community events and 2 presentations are scheduled.
 - DATA:
 - 340 referrals since inception.
 - 68 referrals since Jan 1, 2017.
 - 96% are disorderly conduct or possession of marijuana
 - 71% of the youth referred are non-white
 - 84% successful discharges
 - The unsuccessful cases are being referred back to law enforcement but only 1 of the 7 youth discharged unsuccessfully received charges.
 - JCC staff will make follow up calls when a youth is not eligible or unsuccessful.
 - Will be sending an email to law enforcement officers

- Deep-End Report/ JJIC – Amy Herb
 - The Division of Youth Rehabilitative Services has received a two (2) year, Federal allocation, funded through the Delaware Criminal Justice Council by the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention for the creation of FY 2016 Second Chance Act: Juvenile Justice Statewide Plan to Improve Outcomes for Youth.
 - JJIC will address the following goals: Goal 1: Improve Quality Assurance PACT /MPACT – Goal 2: Data Development and Management – Goal 3: Dispositional Matrix/Guidelines –Goal 4: Enhancing Access to evidence-based programs to address recidivism needs for violent offenders -Goal 5: Staff drift and training.
 - Amy Herb introduced the Council of State Government (CSG) staff that were in attendance:
 - Elizabeth Seigle and Cynthia Thaler who provided an overview of the work.
 - CSG is a nonprofit agency that works with agencies nationwide
 - Improving outcomes for adults and youth
 - Partner with the National Reentry Resource Center
 - Provide Technical assistance to all NRC grantees of the SCA.
 - Partner with National Youth Screening and Assessment

- New Business-
 - Family Court Waiver of Counsel
 - Chief Judge Newell reported:
 - A new rule has been put into place that establishes all juveniles have a right to counsel at all stages of family court proceedings.
 - There will be a specific process to protect youth if they do waive counsel.
 - Delaware Supreme Court has approved it.
 - Rule has been disseminated to the bar and will be effective April 10, 2017.
 - JDAI Report- Lauren Copeland
 - Michelle Brogden spoke of the great success in the early 2000's with low numbers in detention but currently detention populations are increasing
 - QIU is reviewing the data
 - DYRS is still receiving technical assistance from Annie E. Casey. Lauren Copeland is the JDAI Coordinator.
 - Lauren Copeland reported the group is in the beginning stages of a work plan
 - Implement a collaborative plan to defer child welfare youth and child mental health youth.
 - Review Superior Court youth and LOS.
 - Review the use of the RAI
 - Internal review of VOP for DYRS.
 - YRS Risk/ Needs Tool- Michelle Brogden/ Sean Hosman
 - Michelle Brogden provided an update on the MPACT and introduced the implementation team from Vantage, Marjorie Rist and Zach Hamilton, to customize the tool to Delaware.
 - The tool will be validated.
 - It will include trauma questions.
 - Identify risk and needs of youth in community and residential settings.
 - Marjorie discussed the tool and the process for customization.
 - Explained Using the PACT data and analyzing it to create a Delaware specific tool
 - Predicting outcomes by gender
 - Predict violent behavior in violence, property or felony.
 - More useful and contextual tool.
 - Moved up in the agenda.
- Old Business:
 - Shackling

- Jack McDonough provided an update on de-shackling. Capital police do not have the resources to stay in the court room for all procedures.
 - DYRS is using a risk level 1-10 to determine if a youth needs to stay shackled.
 - Lisa Minutola reported the project is going well and there have not been any incidents.
- Update on Superior Court Numbers
 - Jimmy Memminger reported an update on detention numbers:
 - NCC has 17 Superior Court youth; and Stevenson House has 8. Youth in NCC are mainly due to the large gang indictment. Many are currently in process of getting sentenced and moving to placement / transferred.
 - NCC capacity is 64/ currently have 58.
 - Numbers of SC youth has dwindled.
 - Chief Carey provided an update on the Motivational Interviewing training.
 - Will be a 2 year project that began last week for Community Service Staff.
 - Advance Skill session will be completed in April.
 - Participants will attend an online component over the course of the next 2 years.

**The next JJC Executive Meeting will be held on June 2nd 2017 from 10am-12pm at the Multi-Purpose Facility (building 9) 1825 Faulkland Rd Wilmington De 19805*